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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICEDIGEST OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SALE OF HATCHING EGGS,  
CHICKS AND POULTS

The purpose of this publication is to provide Official State Agencies and members of the hatchery industry with a ready source of information on regulations affecting the movement of hatching eggs, baby chicks and poults.

The publication contains digests of State laws or regulations as reported by the various National Poultry Improvement Plan Official State Agencies which apply to all hatcheries regardless of affiliation with the National Plans. Also listed are the import regulations of certain territories and foreign countries which have been reported by the officials in charge of administering the regulations or the U. S. Agricultural Attache.

The regulations are presented in very brief form. For more complete information, consult the administrative agency listed in the last column.

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| State       | Legal minimum pullorum requirements<br>which apply to all hatching eggs,<br>chicks and poults   |   |                              | Permit<br>Required  |   | Labeling or Certification<br>Requirements on<br>All Imports  | Law or Regulation<br>Administered<br>by |
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|             | Produced for sale and<br>sold within<br>the State   | Shipped into the<br>State   | For<br>hatchery<br>operation | For<br>ship-<br>ment                                      |   |  |   |
| Alabama     | When sold by public hatcheries or dealers shall originate in U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean flocks or in flocks that have met comparable requirements. Sale and delivery of chicks and poults by itinerant salesmen prohibited unless salesmen represent licensed places of business in Alabama. | Shall originate in flocks that contain no reactors on the last test under supervision of Official State Agency or livestock sanitary officials of State of origin.      | Yes                          | No  | Shipments to be accompanied by certificate approved by Official State Agency or livestock sanitary official of State of origin. Label to include breed and sex of chicks and poults, name and address of hatchery and of firm represented by itinerant salesman.          | Poultry Division<br>Ala. Dept. of Agric.<br>& Industries<br>Montgomery, Ala.   |   |
| Arizona     | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Arkansas    | All eggs set, including custom hatching, shall be from flocks tested for pul-<br>lorum-typhoid with no re-<br>actors on last test. All<br>hatcheries subject to<br>inspection.  | Shall originate from<br>National Plan sources or<br>from other flocks tested<br>for pulorum-typhoid with<br>no reactors on the last<br>test.                            | No                           | No  | Shipments to be accompanied by<br>suitable NPIP form or health<br>certificate showing that the flocks<br>of origin have been tested and<br>found free of reactors.  | Arkansas Livestock<br>Sanitary Board<br>P.O. Box 2821<br>Little Rock, Ark.   |   |
| California  | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Colorado    | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Connecticut | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Delaware    | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Florida     | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Georgia     | Shall originate in flocks that<br>are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid<br>Passed or Clean or in flocks<br>that have met comparable<br>pullorum requirements<br>under supervision.  | Shall have been produced<br>and handled under conditions<br>no less adequate for the<br>control of pulorum disease<br>than those required under<br>Georgia regulations. | Yes                          | Yes   | Shall obtain Georgia Approval<br>Number (blanket authorization).<br>Shipments reported on official<br>health certificates signed by<br>livestock sanitary officer of<br>State of origin, or, on NPIP<br>forms if produced under pullor-<br>um control phase of the Plans. | Ga. State Dept. of<br>Agric., Atlanta, Ga.<br>Provision affecting<br>shipments--Ga. Poultry<br>Impr. Assn., Inc.,<br>Gainesville, Ga. by<br>contract agreement with<br>Ga. State Dept. of Agric. |   |
| Idaho       | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Illinois    | None  | None  | No                           | No  |   |  |   |
| Indiana     | No chicks to be sold at public<br>auction except under prior<br>permit.   | No chicks to be sold at public<br>auction except under prior<br>permit.   | No                           | No<br>(ex-<br>cept<br>for<br>pub-<br>lic<br>auc-<br>tion) | For public auction: identified<br>with approved labels, designat-<br>ing breed and variety, sex, date<br>hatched, by whom hatched, free-<br>dom from disease and testing of<br>parent stock.  | Indiana State Veteri-<br>narian<br>Indianapolis, Indiana   |   |



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| Iowa          | Producers and sellers shall be licensed; shall maintain sanitary measures, provide ample facilities for care and handling and determine that all poult and chicks offered for sale are in a healthy condition. All containers shall be plainly labeled to show name of seller, number, breed and variety, percent of guarantee if chicks are sold as sexed chicks, date of hatch, and any tests made on parent stock. | None   | Yes                      | No  | Dept. of Agric.<br>Des Moines, Iowa   |
| Kansas        | None  | None   | No                       | No  | State Livestock Sanitary Commission<br>Topeka, Kansas                           |
| Kentucky      | Shall originate in flocks that meet the minimum pullorum requirements of the National Plan, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.  | Shall originate in flocks that meet the minimum pullorum requirements of the National Plan, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.                                 | Yes                      | Yes | Livestock Sanitary Div.<br>Department of Agric.<br>Frankfort, Kentucky          |
| Louisiana     | Shall originate from flocks authoritatively participating in the pullorum control and eradication phase of the National Plan, or from flocks having passed a negative blood test for pullorum disease under the supervision of the proper State Livestock Sanitary Official.  | Shall originate from flocks authoritatively participating in the pullorum control and eradication phase of the National Plan, or from flocks having passed a negative blood test for pullorum disease under the supervision of the proper State Livestock Sanitary Official. | No                       | No  | Livestock Sanitary Bd.<br>La. Dept. of Agric. & Immigration<br>Baton Rouge, La. |
| Maine         | None  | None   | No                       | No  |   |
| Maryland      | Shall be produced from flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.  | Shall be produced from flocks that are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.   | Yes, if chicks are sold. | Yes | Maryland Livestock Sanitary Service<br>College Park, Md.                        |
| Massachusetts | Shall originate in flocks meeting the requirements of U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or Passed or have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.   | Shall originate in flocks meeting the requirements of U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or Passed or have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.  | No                       | No  | Poultry Division<br>Mass. Dept. of Agric.<br>Boston 8, Mass.                    |



| State         | Legal minimum pullorum requirements<br>which apply to all hatching eggs,<br>chicks and poults  |   | Permit<br>Required                 |                 | Labeling or Certification<br>Requirements on<br>All Imports   | Law or Regulation<br>Administered<br>by   |
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|               | Produced for sale and<br>sold within<br>the State  | Shipped into the<br>State   | For<br>hatchery ship-<br>operation | For<br>shipment |   |   |
| Michigan      | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.  | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.   | No                                 | No              | For public auction each container labeled designating kind, number, date and by whom hatched, purity of breed, tests made on parent stock for pullorum, typhoid or tuberculosis.  | Commissioner of Agric.<br>Michigan Dept. of<br>Agriculture,<br>Lansing, Michigan                |
| Minnesota     | None   | None  | No                                 | No              |   |   |
| Mississippi   | Shall be produced from flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.  | Shall be produced from flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.   | No                                 | No              | Attached approved label designating breed and variety, date & hour hatched, pullorum classification, name & address of shipper. Accompanied by certificate showing pullorum qualification or by NPIP Form 15.   | State Livestock<br>Sanitary Board<br>Jackson, Mississippi                                       |
| Missouri      | None   | None  | No                                 | No              |   |   |
| Montana       | Shall originate from a hatchery under supervision of poultry disease-control officials of the State and their qualification meets the minimum requirements of U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or comparable status. | Shall originate from a hatchery or premises under supervision of NPIP, NTIP, or poultry disease-control officials of the State of origin and their qualification meets the minimum requirements of U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or comparable status. | Yes                                | Yes             | Attached official label or certificate designating name & address of shipper, the authority under which testing was done, pullorum-typhoid classification, Montana shipping permit number, number, breed and variety, sex and date of hatch.  | Montana Livestock<br>Sanitary Board and<br>Montana Poultry Improvement Board<br>Helena, Montana |
| Nebraska      | None   | None  | No                                 | No              | Chicks offered for sale or sold at public auction: each container shall be labeled with the sworn statement of the owner designating the number of live chicks in each such container, the breed and variety, the date hatched, name and location of hatchery where hatched, whether contents are unsexed chicks, cockerels or pullet chicks, and any other representation made at or prior to time of sale relative to breed & variety, and such tests as shall have been made on parent stock for pullorum disease. | Nebraska Bureau of<br>Animal Industry<br>Lincoln, Nebraska                                      |
| New Hampshire | None   | None  | No                                 | No              |   |   |
| New Jersey    | None   | None  | No                                 | No              |   |   |
| New Mexico    | None   | None  | No                                 | No              |   |   |



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| New York       | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.   | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.   | No  | No (except auction sales)               | Pullorum Division<br>Bur. of Animal Industry<br>Dept. of Agric. & Mkts.<br>Albany 1, N. Y.                   |
| North Carolina | Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under supervision.  | Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under supervision.  | Yes | No                                      | North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture<br>Veterinary Division<br>Raleigh, N. C.                                 |
| North Dakota   | Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under supervision.   | Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or in flocks that have met comparable requirements under supervision.   | Yes | No                                      | North Dakota Livestock<br>Sanitary Board<br>Bismarck, N. D., in cooperation with the N. D. Poultry Impr. Bd. |
| Ohio           | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.   | No chicks to be sold at public auction except under prior permit.   | No  | No (except auction sales)               | Bur. of Animal Industry<br>Ohio Dept. of Agric.<br>Columbus, Ohio  |
| Oklahoma       | No chicks to be sold by peddling, by vending in the streets, or at public auction except under prior permit.  | Shall be produced from flocks with a pullorum classification of pullorum passed or better and shall have originated from a hatchery or premises operating under the supervision of the poultry disease control authority of the State of origin.<br>No chicks to be sold by peddling, vending in the streets, or at public auction except under prior permit. | No  | No (except peddling vending or auction) | State Board of Agric.<br>Oklahoma City 5, Okla.  |
| Oregon         | None  | None  | No  | No                                      |  |
| Pennsylvania   | Attached label showing no. of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer & seller, and the words "Pa. Chicks" if hatched in Pennsylvania. | Attached label showing no. of chicks, breed & variety, date hatched, sex, pullorum testing of parent stock, name & address of producer & seller; also must be free from evidence of infectious or transmissible disease.  | No  | No                                      | Dept. of Agriculture<br>Harrisburg, Pa.  |



| State          | Legal minimum pullorum requirements which apply to all hatching eggs, chicks and poults  |  | Permit Required                     |                  | Labeling or Certification Requirements on All Imports   | Law or Regulation Administered by                                   |
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|                | Produced for sale and sold within the State  | Shipped into the State   | For hatchery operation              | For shipment     |   |   |
| Rhode Island   | None   | Shall originate from flocks classified as U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or from flocks which have met comparable standards under supervision of the poultry disease control authorities of the State of origin. | No                                  | No               |   | Animal Husbandry<br>301 State House<br>Providence, R. I.            |
| South Carolina | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |
| South Dakota   | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |
| Tennessee      | Producers & sellers shall maintain sanitary measures, provide ample facilities for proper care and determine that all chicks & poults offered for sale are in a healthy condition. | None   | Yes                                 | No               | Attached label showing number, sex, breed & variety, date hatched, whether or not parent stock has been tested for pullorum disease, name and address of producer and seller. | Tennessee State<br>Dept. of Agriculture<br>Nashville, Tenn.         |
| Texas          | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |
| Utah           | Shall originate in flocks that are Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.                               | Shall originate in flocks that are Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.   | Yes (also for salesmen and dealers) | No               | Attached label showing authority for testing and pullorum control class of the product. Certified copy of blood test to be filed with State Board of Agriculture.             | Utah State Dept. of Agriculture<br>Salt Lake City, Utah             |
| Vermont        | Shall originate in flocks and hatcheries that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or in flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision.            | Shall originate from flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or Clean or from flocks that have met comparable standards under supervision.   | No                                  | Yes (into State) | Shall obtain Vt. permit number which shall be shown on each box, crate or container.  | Dept. of Agriculture<br>Montpelier, Vermont                         |
| Virginia       | None   | Shall originate in flocks that are U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed, or Clean, or from flocks that have met comparable standards.   | No                                  | Yes              | Shall obtain Va. approval no. (blanket permit) which must appear on each label of each package.   | Division of Animal Industry<br>Va. Dept. of Agric.<br>Richmond, Va. |
| Washington     | Unlawful to sell chicks or poults that are affected with pullorum disease.   | Unlawful to sell chicks or poults that are affected with pullorum disease.   | No                                  | No               |   | Wash. Dept. of Agric.<br>Olympia, Washington                        |
| West Virginia  | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |
| Wisconsin      | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |
| Wyoming        | None   | None   | No                                  | No               |   |   |



| Country         | Import Requirements  | Law or Regulation Administered by   |
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| Canada          | <p>Poultry must be accompanied by a specific certificate (see USDA-ARS Form AIQ-35) issued by an accredited veterinarian, a State veterinarian, or an ARS veterinarian certifying that poultry covered by such certificate are free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and insofar as can be determined have not been exposed to avian pneumoencephalitis (Newcastle disease), fowl pest, fowl typhoid, pullorum disease and ornithosis. The certificate for newly hatched poultry and hatching eggs should cover the flock or flocks and the hatchery or hatcheries of origin. All certificates must be endorsed by a veterinarian of the United States Agricultural Research Service authorized to perform that service. Shipments must be made in new, clean containers, or in the case of poultry crates, in those which have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected since last used.</p> <p>For chickens, turkeys, and hatching eggs derived therefrom of a type normally used for the production of meat or eggs, the flocks and hatcheries of origin must participate in the National Poultry or Turkey Improvement Plans, or be pullorum-typhoid tested with negative results in a manner satisfactory to the State veterinarian in the State of origin. For this latter tested group, the certificate to be acceptable to Canadian officials must be signed by the issuing veterinarian, then endorsed by the State veterinarian and finally by the ARS veterinarian authorized to perform that service.</p> <p>For bantams, fighting cocks, and poultry or hatching eggs other than those just previously mentioned, including poultry for immediate slaughter, neither NPIP-NTIP participation nor pullorum-typhoid tests are required.</p> | Canadian Veterinary<br>Director General<br>Health of Animals Division<br>Dept. of Agriculture<br>Ottawa, Canada             |
| Hawaii          | <p>Imports shall originate from flocks that have a rating of U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Passed or higher or from flocks that have met comparable pullorum requirements under supervision. Each shipment shall be accompanied by an affidavit from the shipper stating that to the best of his knowledge and as a result of careful inspection the flock of origin does not have, and has not had within the past 60 days nor has it been recently exposed to Newcastle disease (avian pneumoencephalitis). Shipments shall be made in new, unused containers.</p>  | Div. of Animal Industry<br>Territory of Hawaii<br>Honolulu  |
| Mexico          | <p>All importers are required to have a permit to cover each shipment. Imports will only be authorized from qualified participants in the National Poultry Improvement Plan. Each shipment shall be officially labeled to show the classification of the product.</p>  | Director General de<br>Sanidad Animal<br>Aguiles Serdan 28<br>Mexico, D.F., Mexico  |
| Puerto Rico     | <p>It is unlawful to introduce into Puerto Rico any fowl suffering from infectious and contagious diseases.</p> <p>All domestic fowl or eggs of domestic fowl for hatching purposes which are introduced into Puerto Rico must be accompanied by a certificate or statement signed by a registered veterinarian certifying that such fowl, or eggs, come from hatcheries which are U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean according to the standards and requirements of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and certifying also, as regards fowl four weeks old or over, that at the time of their shipment were in good physical condition and free from symptoms of infectious and contagious diseases.</p>  | Div. of Regulations<br>Bureau of Production &<br>Marketing<br>Dept. of Agriculture and<br>Commerce<br>Santurce, Puerto Rico |
| The Philippines | <p>Fowl imported from any country shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the proper veterinary authority at the port of embarkation, certifying that they are free from, and have not been in contact with or exposed to, any dangerous and communicable diseases for at least 60 days prior to the date of shipment; that they have passed a negative test for pullorum disease and that they come from flocks free from the leucosis complex. Hatching eggs shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the proper authority from the point of origin certifying that such eggs come from pullorum and leucosis free flocks.</p>   | Dept. of Agriculture and<br>Natural Resources<br>Bureau of Animal Industry<br>Manila, The Philippines                       |

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